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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

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**Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
2.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
  
3.  Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)**

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fees.
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
  
4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-9

**Remark on Protest**

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

IPC: C12Q 1/68( 2006.01);A61K 39/00( 2006.01);A61K 39/38( 2006.01)

USPC: 424/184.1

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 424/184.1

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
EAST, STN Easy, NCBI (search terms: zwitterionic polysaccharide, PSA, PSB)

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2004/0219160 A1 (TZIANABOS et al.) 04 November 2004 (04.11.2004), see claims 7-9, 73, paragraphs 0165, 0180.	1-9
A	KALKA-MOLL et al. Effect of molecular size on the ability of zwitterionic polysaccharides to stimulate cellular immunity. The Journal of Immunology, 2000, Vol.164; pages 719-724, see abstract.	1-9

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

See patent family annex.

• Special categories of cited documents:		
“A” document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	“T”	later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
“E” earlier application or patent published on or after the international filing date	“X”	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
“L” document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	“Y”	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
“O” document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	“&”	document member of the same patent family
“P” document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed		

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**BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING**

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under the PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional fees must be paid.

**Group I**, claims 1-9 are drawn to a composition comprising a zwitterionic polysaccharide, a free amino moiety and a negatively charged moiety selected from the group of carboxylate, phosphate, phosphonate, sulfate and sulfonate.

**Group II**, claim 10-18 are drawn to a method of preparing composition comprising a zwitterionic polysaccharide, a free amino moiety and a negatively charged moiety selected from the group of carboxylate, phosphate, phosphonate, sulfate and sulfonate otherwise free of the isolated zwitterionic polysaccharide.

**Group III**, claims 19-32 are drawn to a method of promoting immune system maturation in an infant comprising enterally administering to the infant an effective amount of composition comprising a zwitterionic polysaccharide, a free amino moiety and a negatively charged moiety selected from the group of carboxylate, phosphate, phosphonate, sulfate and sulfonate.

The International Searching Authority considers that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention (PCT Rule 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reason indicated below:

The inventions between groups I-III are linked by the technical feature of a zwitterionic polysaccharide. However, this feature is not special because it does not constitute an advance over the prior art. Tzianabos et al (US 2004/0219160 A1) teach a pharmaceutical composition comprising zwitterionic polysaccharide to induce immune response (see abstract). Furthermore, each of these groups involves method steps or starting materials not required by the other groups.